



# Durham

## Environmental Affairs Board

### M i n u t e s

December 14, 2004•6:00 p.m.  
Conference Room A  
Ground Floor, City Hall

### Approved Minutes

**Members Present:** Dock Terrell, Kathi Beratan, Sharon Beard, Ahrash Bissell, Matthew Greenwolfe, and Rick Crume

**Members Absent:** Excused: Howard Glasgow, Bill Harnett, and Will Anderson

**Guests Present:** Tim Dodge

**Staff Present:** Vicki Westbrook and Kathleen Snyder

#### Call to Order/Minutes

Chairman Sharon Beard called meeting to order. Minutes of the November 16, 2004 meeting were approved with a text reconciliation of the members present 6-0.

#### Announcements

Kathleen Snyder introduced Tim Dodge, potential new member that would fill the Solid Waste board position for the City. Mr. Dodge spoke briefly about his interest in the environment and his qualifications for the position. Ms. Snyder let the Board know that Mr. Dodge had received recommendation for appointment from the Joint City-County Planning Committee. She went on to say that the City Council would now consider his appointment when it is addressed as one of their agenda items.

Ms. Snyder announced that City Council had recommended in their work session that Darryl Roberts be removed as the City representative for water from the Environmental Affairs Board. The Council will decide and act on this recommendation at its December 20, 2005 meeting.

Ms. Snyder also notified the Board that the Keep Durham Beautiful Program had hired a new coordinator, Dorothea Pierce. Ms. Pierce had expressed an interest to speak to the Board at a later date after the program had better established itself.

#### Old Business

Ms. Snyder distributed the most recent draft of the Air Quality Initiative Memo. She asked that members take the document with them and make recommendations either on the hard copy or electronically. Chairperson Sharon Beard urged members to try and get comments back early.

Kathi Beratan gave an update on Healthy Environment Working Group for the Results Based Accountability Initiative. She reviewed the group's progress and that Joe Jackson, the Co-Chair of the working group, would head the next meeting. Ms. Beratan reminded the Board that the working group was restricted to 3 to 5 indicators for the entire sector of the environment. She also mentioned that the group would be focusing on the indicators and strategies at the December 16 meeting. She also noted that the preliminary report was due at the end of January. Ms. Beard stressed that the EAB should receive all products for the Healthy Environment Working Group as soon as they became available.

### **New Business**

Ahrash Bissell began a discussion of what level of formality the Environmental Affairs Board wanted to make regarding other environmental groups. Mr. Bissell used the Environmental Affairs Roundtable, a congress of environmental groups representing interests in Durham's environment. The Board talked and decided that the EAB would send volunteer liaisons to group or events that came to the Board's attention.

At this point, Ms. Snyder let the Board know that there had been a meeting of individuals and groups interested in the development of an environmental education center. Word of the meeting had gone out over email, but no EAB member could attend due to the late notice. Ms. Snyder said that the group would be meeting again on January 18, 2005. Ms. Beard asked for a volunteer for a liaison for this group. Dock Terrell agreed to do so. Ms. Beard noted that there were many resources out for environmental education. She mentioned an environment health science program that the NIEHS had recently developed. She said that she would email a link for the website to the Board.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m. upon a 6-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen Snyder, Planner  
January 25, 2005